

I wish to file a complaint against Sinclair broadcasting for their recent decision to force all of their stations to air a political anti-Kerry documentary, shown to be filled with lies and misstatements, mere days before the election. This conduct is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a clear violation of the use of public airwaves for the public good.

The use of the public airwaves is free of charge, and thus, Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get their one-sided political views and other views based simply on what's good for their bottom line. Democracy loses and so do we, The People. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. It's also important that we see programs that are truthful, not distortions created by political parties and their attack messengers.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please, do not renew the license of this station or any other Sinclair-owned station if it persists in violating the public trust and airing lies and propaganda.

Thank you.